

House Resolution No. 3549

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have dedicated an exceptional amount of time and effort to helping today's students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Jenna Lee Ficken has attained considerable distinction as a first- and second-grade teacher at Saint Paul's Lutheran School in Sedalia; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, National Teacher Day, Jenna Ficken enhanced her already impressive record of achievement when she received a Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year award; and

Whereas, nominated for the prestigious award by teachers and parents, Jenna Ficken has taught at Saint Paul's Lutheran School for twenty-two years and is planning to retire this year; and

Whereas, Jenna Ficken thought she was attending a coworker's birthday party when she strolled into the Saint Paul's Lutheran School cafeteria and was greeted by school staff, students, and four Wal-Mart employees who presented her with balloons, cake, punch, a Wal-Mart vest, flowers, and a \$1,000 check to use on school supplies; and

Whereas, Jenna Ficken began her educational career by teaching at a one-room school in south Pettis County; and

Whereas, Jenna Ficken also taught at a second one-room school in Benton County and as a fifth-grade teacher in the Cole Camp School District before accepting the duties and responsibilities of the first- and second-grade classroom at Saint Paul's Lutheran School:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Jenna Ficken as a Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Jenna Lee Ficken of Sedalia, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Todd Smith
District No. 118

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3549, adopted May 24, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker